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## President's Message

TO ALL HASTINGS ALUMNI:

The annual meeting of our Alumni Association will be held, as is the custom, at the luncheon held for the graduates and friends of the Hastings College of the Law at the State Bar Convention. The State Bar Convention is being held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills. The luncheon will be in the Nordic Room, commencing at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 1962.

The Committee in charge consists of John W. Preston, Jr., Honorable Alfred P. Perraca and the Chairman, Honorable Joseph A. Sprankle, Jr.

Your Nominating Committee, headed by Hon. Daniel R. Shoemaker, having as its members Ingemar E. Hoberg and Ruth Gupta, have been working and their report will be ready.

Immediate Past President "Ding" Hoberg and his committee, consisting of Marlin W. Haley and Orly O. Davis, will have their report ready and will announce the recipient of the "Hastings Man-of-the-Year" Award.

I sincerely urge all the Alumni to attend our annual meeting.

MAX K. JAMISON, '45, President,  
*Hastings College of the Law, Alumni Association*

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## NEWS NOTES

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Richard Abbe, '53, District Attorney of Shasta County, has been re-elected by a decisive (2-1) majority.

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Charles Albert Adams, '87, founder of Public Schools Week in California and an Honorary Member of Hastings Chapter, Order of the Coif, died on May 1, 1962, at the age of 94. Admitted to the Bar on his 21st birthday, January 14, 1889, he maintained an active law practice in San Francisco for more than 73 years. He was Hastings' oldest alumnus.

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Five members of the 15-man Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada are Hastings graduates: Robert T. Adams, '35, Thomas A. Cooke, '48, and Emile J. Gezelin, '48, of Reno; John W. Diehl, '50, of Fallon; and A. W. Ham, Jr., '48, of Las Vegas.

Spencer R. Alter, '57, has joined with De-witte C. Chatterton in forming a partnership for the general practice of law, at 2020 North Broadway, Santa Ana. Both have served as Deputy District Attorneys for Orange County.

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Robert L. Anderson, '51, is a member of the enterprising law firm of Rankin and Anderson. Their law offices are in the Financial Center Building, Oakland.

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Leo R. Andrade, '58, has been admitted as a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Bancroft, Avery and McAlister, of which James R. Bancroft, '49, and James H. McAlister, '52, are members.

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Stanley D. Arnold, '60, is associated with his father, Senator Stanley Arnold, '48, in the general practice of law. Their offices are in Susanville. (More News Notes on page 3)

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## Editorial

An alumni association with vigor reflects pride in the law school. Hastings graduates enter the professional world with a distinct advantage—a solid academic background at a law school that is world renowned.

Your alumni association will better serve the school, the students and the alumni if it represents full participation and membership by its alumni. Dues are modest—you'd spend the same amount going to a football or baseball game or the theater for one performance only. Why not write your check for a year's dues and witness a year-round performance of the alumni association.

In recent years the Board of Governors has held its meetings at various locations throughout California and Nevada in order to meet with the local alumni. These meetings have helped the Board of Governors to understand better the local problems of the alumni, and hopefully, has brought Hastings closer to those alumni.

As President Jamison says in his President's Message, you are urged to attend the annual meeting at the State Bar Convention. Join, vote and participate. That's the American way.

## Greetings from the Dean

*To the members of Hastings College of the Law Alumni Association:*

Our 85th academic year is about to open. As on so many other occasions in the post-war years, we expect to have both the largest First-Year Class and the largest Student Body, in Western America.

Half of our new students will find it necessary to attend all of their classes during afternoon hours. There will be waiting lines for chairs in the Charles W. Slack Memorial Library. The supply of lockers will be lamentably deficient. But as in all of the other years since 1878, *no qualified applicant for admission to the College will be turned away, for lack of space.*

We cannot say as much for Professors! For lack of offices, this year's Faculty can be no larger than that of 1961-62; and for the same reason, the new First-Year Class must be divided into two sections of about 225 each, rather than into three of 150.

Alterations in our no-longer-new building will make it possible for us to staff two sections of all three classes, in 1963-64, when several new members will be added to the 65-Club. Meanwhile, Professor Edward S. Bade (69), a Real Property Specialist who taught at the University of Minnesota Law School from 1932 until 1961, will join the group.

So likewise, will Professor Clarence M. Updegraff (69), a nationally recognized authority on Labor Law and Arbitration, who already has completed 45 years as a teacher of law, 36 of them at the State University of Iowa.

History was made in the United States Senate, on August 8, 1962, when Senator Morse (Oregon), described the Faculty of Hastings Law College as "greater than Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Michigan, Minnesota, Chicago or Wisconsin, and all the rest." Senator Clair Engle, '33, (California) unblushingly agreed with him. (108 Congressional Record, 14958.)

Faithfully yours,

DAVID E. SNODGRASS, Dean

## NEWS NOTES

Gene R. Barbagelata, '61, has been named as an Assistant District Attorney for Washoe County, Nevada. His Chief is William J. Raggio, '51.

Robert A. Barclay, '60, of Alturas, was elected as District Attorney of Modoc County on June 6, 1962.

James K. Batchelor, '59, former Orange County Deputy District Attorney, is associated with Miller, Nisson, Kogler and Wenke, a Santa Ana law firm. Their offices are at 2014 Broadway.

Gerald A. Bellici, '61, has opened a law office at 121 Mariposa Street, Pittsburg.

Eugene D. Bennett, '20, has been named to a two-year term as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, for the 6th Area.

Jerrold A. Boscoe, '61, has announced his association for the general practice of law with Clifford R. Lewis, '42, and Russell H. McLain, with offices in the 926 "J" Building, Sacramento.

William F. Bourne, '41, who had served as a Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco since 1948, was named as Chief Utilities Counsel on January 16, 1962. He supervises the work of 16 deputies who handle legal problems arising from the Municipal Railway, Hetch Hetchy and the San Francisco Airport.

Joel Brand, x-'50, is a newly appointed Deputy County Counsel, in Riverside.

Charles F. Catterlin, '57, is First Vice-President of the South Bay Bar Association. He practices in and is City Prosecutor for the City of Torrance.

Judge Walter L. Chandler, '35, of the Grub Gulch Judicial District, was the only Madera County incumbent to be returned to office, in the June Primary election.

Ernest K. C. Ching, '61, of Honolulu, is Law Clerk to U. S. District Judge Martin Pence.

John Andrew Church, '61, is associated with the Salinas law firm of Abramson and Bolz. Their offices are in the Crocker-Anglo National Bank Building.

Raymond C. Clayton, '60, is a Deputy in the office of Madera County's District Attorney Lester J. Gendron, '52.

Henry E. Covell, Jr., '61, has announced his association with Douglas G. Cowan, '52, and Willard E. Stone, of Walnut Creek. Their law offices are at 1375 Creekside Drive.

Kenneth W. DeVaney, '61, has been admitted to partnership in the Sacramento law firm of McConnell, Carson and DeVaney. Their offices are at 3019 Arden Way.

Harold S. Dobbs, '42, was Acting Mayor of San Francisco during the month of May. In that capacity, he extended an official welcome to Russian Cosmonaut Gherman Titov, on May 7, 1962.

Abraham M. Dresow, '24, San Francisco's Chief Deputy Public Defender, died suddenly on May 29, 1962. A former member of the Police Commission, he had dedicated 21 colorful years to the work of the Public Defender's Office.

Daniel B. Duvall, '61, is counsel for the State Compensation Insurance Fund. His office is in Los Angeles, at 600 South La Fayette Park Place.

James D. Finley, '52, former member of the San Francisco law firm of Cort and Finley, has been appointed as Justice Court Judge in Lompoc.

The Oakland-Piedmont Traffic Court of Judge Charles W. Fisher, '22, has been given national recognition, both by the American Bar Association and by the National Safety Council.

Superior Judge T. I. Fitzpatrick, x-'98, who was a classmate of Eustace Cullinan, '98, and Sidney M. Ehrman, '98, had no opposition in the June, 1962 Primary Election. He has been a member of the judiciary since 1915, and for more than 20 years has presided over the Probate Court of San Francisco.

John J. Ford, III, '58, San Francisco attorney, was married to Lola Casentini on May 12, 1962. The nuptial mass was celebrated at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Keith S. Fraser, '61, is a Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County. His offices are in the Court House, in Oakland.

Earl B. Gilliam, '57, former Deputy District Attorney for San Diego County, has opened offices for the general practice of law at 2847½ Imperial Avenue, San Diego.

John D. Goodrich, '53, has become a member of the newly organized law firm of Newton, Braun, and Goodrich. Their offices are at 1542 Market Street, Redding.

Sheldon H. Grossfeld, '59, is associated with the Sacramento law firm of Schaber and Cecchetti, which practices in the Forum Building. Its members are Gorden D. Schaber, '52, and Horace Cecchetti, '49.

Marlin W. Haley, '34, Hayward lawyer and former Vice-President of the State Bar of California, is President of the Southern Alameda County Bar Association.

Raymond L. Hanson, '36, has been re-elected as President of the Board of Trustees at Presbyterian Medical Center, in San Francisco.

William J. Harris, Jr., '51, of San Jose, has been named as a Judge of the Municipal Court of the San Jose-Alviso Judicial District.

Bill L. Hoisington, '60, formerly identified with the office of Attorney General Mosk, is associated with the San Francisco law firm of Orrick, Dahlquist, Herrington and Sutcliffe. Its members include W. H. Orrick, '03 and Andrew Downey Orrick, '47.

Vernon W. Humber, '49, is associated with attorneys Melbert Adams, William R. Bremer, and Arthur Matin, '49. His new address is 646 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Edward N. Jackson, x-'26, is 1962-63 President of the Lawyers' Club of San Francisco. Clyde B. Dalton, '43, is Second Vice-President. Henry C. Todd, '37, John Wynne Herron, '38, and Walter H. Giubbini, '41, are members of the Board of Governors. The Advisory Board includes John F. Moran, '26, J. Albert Hutchinson, '31, and Thomas M. Jenkins, '49.

Thomas M. Jenkins, '49, has been elected as President of United Community Fund, San Francisco's United Crusade. He is a member of the well-known law firm of Schofield, Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus and Jenkins.

Walter S. Johnson, '14, San Francisco philanthropist, has been chosen as City of Hope's "Man of the Year" for 1962.

Daniel H. Knox, '11, a retired Alameda County Municipal Judge, died on February 8, 1962, at the age of 78. First elected as a Justice of the Peace in 1934, he served on the bench for more than 20 years.

Philip Knox, Jr., '49, is a member of the Pacific Coast Legal Department of Sears, Roebuck and Co. His office is at 2650 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Abraham P. Leach, '95, East Bay civic leader, attorney and businessman, died on May 5, 1962, at his home in Danville, at the age of 88. An Alameda County Deputy District Attorney from 1897 until 1907, he subsequently practiced law in Oakland for half a century.

Ben K. Lerer, '33, has been named as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Golden Gate National Bank. He also is Vice-President of both the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, and one of the ten founder-directors of the bank.

Jack G. Levine, '52, Robert L. La Vine, '59, and H. Leland Shain, '59, have formed a general practice law partnership. Their offices are at 41 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

**Frank W. Clark, Jr., '46**  
**Makes the Reader's Digest!**

## Busy Signals

When department-store executive David May was a patient in a Los Angeles hospital, he was told that one friend—and one only—might phone him there. May chose Frank Clark, but then told other friends to use that name in calling. One "Frank Clark" who called was told by the operator: "Sorry, Mr. Clark, but he's talking to you right now—and also you're on the other line waiting to speak to him next."

—LEONARD LYONS

William I. Locarnini, '47, lawyer and Justice of the Peace in Napa, died there on March 9, 1962.

Superior Judge Charles A. Loring, '38, of Los Angeles, was principal Speaker at the Annual Founders' Day Convocation of the University of Redlands, on April 24, 1962. Appropriately, he now holds the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

Karl D. Lyon, '50, San Francisco lawyer, has been elected as President of the Congregation Ner Tamid.

Robert J. MacDonald, '56, has become a partner in the Burlingame law firm of Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll & Thompson, of which J. Ed. McClellan, '22, is a member.

The voters of Sonoma County have re-elected District Attorney Joseph Maddux, '24, by another landslide.

Ruth Ann McEnroe, '39, died in San Francisco on June 18, 1962.

William G. Miller, '32, well known San Francisco attorney and a long-time executive of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, died on February 5, 1962. He had been an employee of the Company for 36 years.

James C. Monroe, '60, has transferred his activities from Marysville to Santa Rosa, where he is associated with the thriving law firm of DeMeo, DeMeo, Foster and Waner. The organization also includes John F. DeMeo, '58, and John A. Waner, '57.

George R. Moscone, '56, is Chairman of a 62-member attorneys' panel, to represent indigent defendants in the Federal District Courts of San Francisco.

Retired Alameda County Superior Judge Joseph A. Murphy, x-'22, died at Oakland on February 3, 1962. He had served as a Municipal Judge from 1951 until 1957, and as a Judge of the Superior Court until August 3, 1961.

San Francisco's Superior Judges Harry J. Neubarth, '25, Francis L. McCarty, '33, and Raymond J. Arata, '33, were re-elected to new six-year terms on June 5. All were unopposed.

John A. O'Kane, '32, Vice-President and General Counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, has been granted a leave of absence from his Federal position to accept a temporary appointment as State Superintendent of Banks.

Robert H. Peterson, '54, and Edward E. Barr, '61, have announced their association under the firm name of Peterson and Barr, with law offices at 765 Monterey Boulevard, San Francisco.

Carson M. Rapp, x-'59, has been advanced to the position of Assistant District Attorney of Madera County.

John C. Ricksen, '59, has formed a partnership with Calvin T. Goforth, of the Oakland Bar. Their law offices are in the Financial Center Building.

Kenneth W. Rosenthal, '59, has joined in forming the law firm of Darwin, Rosenthal and Lett. They maintain offices at 68 Post Street, San Francisco, and at 610 16th Street, Oakland.

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Aaron M. Sargent, '26, San Francisco attorney, died at Philadelphia on May 27, 1962, while attending a convention of the Sons of the American Revolution, among whom he held high office.

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Fresno County's non-stop District Attorney, E. Clarke Savory, '34, has again been returned to office, by a margin of 5,000 votes.

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Harold S. Sawyer, '43, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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Dean Gordon D. Schaber, '52, of McGeorge College of Law, has been named as a member of the State Board of Control. He is a partner in the law firm of Schaber and Cecchettini, of Sacramento.

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John M. Shelton, '57, has become a member of a new Fresno law firm, Docker, Docker, Perkins and Shelton. Their offices are in the T. W. Patterson Building.

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Wade N. Shifflett, '51, has succeeded the late William I. Locarnini, '47, as Justice of the Peace in Napa.

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Clarence A. Shuey, x-'07, veteran member of the San Francisco Bar, died in harness on May 8, 1962, at the age of 81. He had practiced law in the Merchants Exchange Building for more than 40 years.

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Alsam Small, '59, has been appointed as an Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. His office is in the new Hall of Justice.

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Mrs. and Mr. Jack S. Stanley, '52, of Long Beach, have announced the birth of their son, James Gilfoy Stanley. Date: March 11, 1962. Weight: 7 lbs. 9 oz. Profession: Law (Hastings).

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Municipal Judge J. Kelly Steele, x-'39, and Walter Osborne, '43, were candidates for a recent vacancy in the Kern County Superior Court. The Judge won in a closely contested election.

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After 16 years of service as a Regent of the University of California, Jesse H. Steinhart, '03, has retired from membership in the Board. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him, at Commencement exercises which were held at Berkeley on June 9, 1962.

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Hester Webb Stevenson, '59, former San Francisco lawyer, has been elected as Judge of the Lower Lake, Lake County, Judicial District.

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William R. Sweeney, '52, is a member of the firm of Sweeney, Irwin and Foye, which maintains law offices in Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach and Sacramento. His headquarters are at 639 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Henry C. Todd, '37, is the newly elected Commander of Blackstone Post, No. 143, American Legion, the members of which are San Francisco lawyers. Woodrow W. Denney, '49, is Post Adjutant. Albert R. Abramson, '54, and Gregg M. Anderson, '52 are Vice-Commanders.

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Municipal Judge Lenore D. Underwood, '32, of San Francisco, has been elected to membership in the Board of Governors of the Supreme Lodge of the men's B'nai B'rith, a world-wide organization.

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Jane H. Van Hook, '56, has formed a new association with Mary Montgomery and Lemuel D. Washington, x-'52. Their law offices are at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Marion Vecki, '08, a San Francisco lawyer, died on February 24, 1962, at the age of 74.

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Richard D. Waugh, '60, formerly an employee of the Division of Corporations, is now with the Sacramento law firm of Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer. His office is in the Crocker-Anglo Bank Building.

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Edward A. Weiss, '59, and Elliott Leighton, '60, have established an office association with William J. Losh, Jr., '58, at 1255 Post Street, San Francisco. Attorneys Weiss and Leighton also maintain offices at 1305 Franklin Street, Oakland.

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Jack H. Werchick, '49, has been elected as Western Regional President of the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys.

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Robert J. Westwick, '59, is a partner in the new law firm of Robertson and Westwick. Their offices are at 15 West Figueroa Street, Santa Barbara.

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Municipal Judge Lionel J. Wilson, '49, has been elected to the Metropolitan Oakland YMCA's Board of Directors.

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Benjamin N. Wyatt, Jr., '61, has opened a law office at 4213 South Broadway, Los Angeles 37.

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Robert W. Wyckoff, '60, is associated with Hauerken, St. Clair, Zappetini & Hines, a San Francisco law firm of which John D. St. Clair, '38, is a member. Their offices are in the Russ Building.

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Former Judge Edgar T. Zook, '04, Hastings College Director and Honorary Member of Hastings Chapter, Order of the Coif, was married to Louise Husted on January 10, 1962.

## Reunion—Class of '52

Class President Samuel D. Axtell reports that a gala ten-year reunion is being planned for this Fall, to be held in San Francisco.

"Class Secretary Annette La Rue has taken charge of the Valley recruiting campaign. Vice-President William D. Began will drive the Southerners northward."

# Hiring at 65

By **HOWARD WHITMAN**

At the Hastings College of Law of the University of California, Dean David E. Snodgrass has pulled a switch on the usual hiring procedure: he has hired professors only after they've been forced out of their jobs at other schools because of compulsory retirement! While most colleges "fire" at 65, Hastings hires at 65.

Dean Snodgrass puts the proposition bluntly: "This notion that a man is through just because he has celebrated an arbitrary number of birthdays is idiotic."

The permanent faculty at Hastings has become known as the Sixty-five Club because each man is over 65—at least. The oldest professor was hired in 1957 at the age of 80. The Sixty-five Club has converted Hastings from a relatively obscure school to one which is the largest approved law school west of Chicago and one of the most respected in the nation.

Roscoe Pound, one of America's most famous professors of law, and once Dean Snodgrass' law dean at Harvard, commented on the Hastings faculty, "On the whole, I am inclined to think you have the strongest law faculty in the country."

The collective experience of the Hastings faculty cannot be matched by any other law school. Five of the members of the Sixty-five Club are former deans of major university law schools. Nearly

every member of the faculty is the author of casebooks and textbooks used in law schools from Los Angeles to Boston.

A rising young professor of law recently applied for a full-time teaching position at Hastings and got this reply from Dean Snodgrass:

"We are complimented by your application. However, it is not our policy to engage men so young for other than administrative or part-time positions on our teaching staff. Our full-time professors must be at least 65 years old. If at that age or older you should still like to teach at Hastings, I or my successor will be glad to reconsider you."

The American Bar Association sent an inspection committee of law-school deans to give Hastings the once-over. How good were its post-65 professors? The inspection committee reported:

"In view of the fact that the faculty are all over 65, we felt that age might have slowed them up. Consequently, we spent some time listening to those who had classes during our visit. The classroom performance in each instance was excellent. . . .

"Your evaluators are of the opinion that the faculty is alert, interested in and insisting upon high standards of legal education and doing an excellent job, not only in the classroom but in public service and research."

NEW YORK POST, April 27, 1962

## *A Reminder to Attend*

**Hastings Alumni Annual Meeting and Luncheon**  
**September 19 — Beverly Hilton Hotel**

**Ladies Invited**

**Nordic Room**

**Hon. Joseph A. Sprankle, Jr., '39, Chairman**

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